for the Diwan to refuse this applicant?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is nothing on record. The reasons may be known only to the Diwan and probably to the candidate also.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Do the Government intend to enforce any fixed rules for the representation of unrepresented communities?

Mr. President.—There is a resolution coming up on this subject and it may be discussed then.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is uncertain when we will come to those resolutions. So we want to avail ourselves of the earliest opportunity.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.—Am I to take it that the Government have no reasons to advance for the Diwan's refusal to appoint this Jewish applicant?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The Diwan did not consider him fit for appointment.

Representations from the Ceylon Malyali Mahajana Sabha.

161. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—With reference to Question No. 23 of July 29, 1935, will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether any reply has been received from the Government of India and (b) if so, whether the reply be printed and placed on the table?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) No reply has been received.

(b) Does not arise in view of the answer to (a).

Printing of Judgments of the Trichur District and Munsiff's Courts.

162. **Mr. P. Raman Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) who prints the judgments of the following Courts:—(1) the Trichur District Court, (2) the Trichur District Munsiff's Court;

(b) how long have they been enjoying the said privilege;

(c) what is the average length of time taken for printing a judgment;

(d) has there been any application from anybody else

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offering to print the judgments of the above Courts at a cheaper rate;

(e) what is the objection to call for tenders in this matter;

(f) is the Malayalam Daily 'Gomathi' also printed in the same press?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar..—(a) Messrs. V. Sundara Ayyar and Sons (Vidyavinodini Press, Trichur).

(b) Since 1095.

(c) Proof 15 days.
Fair copy 10 days.
Total 25 days.

(d) Yes.

(e) Rules do not permit. The rule is to appoint a Printer.

(f) Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar—With reference to the answer to sub-division to (e) does the rule prevent from the calling of tenders?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I think the word 'permit' is a mistake. It ought to be " The rules do not mention."

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Who appoints the printer?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The District Judges for the District Courts and the Chief Court Judges for the Chief Court.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— Is any pension given to this printer? He was there for the last twelve years.

Mr. President.—The question arises only when he retires.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Is there any difficulty in calling tenders?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The matter is entirely left to the discretion of the District Judge. There are many conditions to be specified according to the Civil Rules of Practice. There is no rule for Government to direct the Judge apart from those contained in the Civil Rules of Practice.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Can they not advise the Judge?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I do not think they can.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.— Have there been any complaints against these people?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Absolutely none with regard to their printing.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to sub-division (d) who are the others who had applied for printing the judgments at cheaper rates?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— One name is Ramanuja Printing Works, Trichur.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Is there any reason for rejecting the application?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Perhaps the District Judge thought not to disturb the present arrangement.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it not desirable that this should be done at the lowest cost possible?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Cost is not the only consideration. The question of despatch, reliability and efficiency of work have all to be looked into.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know the extent of cheapness which the other firm offered?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I want notice

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.— Are not the Government aware that there are excellent, more respectable and well established printers in Trichur other than Messrs. V. Sundra Ayyar and Sons?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Government are not aware.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.—Will the Government try to so amend the rules as to get these printed at the lowest cost possible?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—So far as the experience of Government goes, these rules seem to work very satisfactorily and when it is pointed out that these rules are worked unsatisfactorily it will be time to amend the rules

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— May I know why the Government say that the question of cost does not arise?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The question of cost will not be the sole consideration.

Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Who gives the cost of the printing charges?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The parties

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Mr. P. Govinda Menon.— Are the Government aware that in many cases they find it difficult to remit the printing charges on account of the high rate of printing?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government are not aware. It is not due to the high printing charges that they find it difficult to remit the amount but due to the economic depression that is prevalent.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon.— Then in view of the economic depression is it not the duty of the Government to see that the printing is got done at the lowest cost possible?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Government do not think that the rates are very high.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— But is it not the duty of the Government to see whether it could be got done at a lower cost?

Mr. President.—Of course that could be ascertained.

Conversion of Padiathode Canal into a navigable canal.

163. Mr. P. C. Varkey.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the amount of Rs. 7,932 provided under item 227 of the current year's budget is for converting Padiathode canal into a navigable canal, from the backwater to the deep water canal lying on the eastern side of Ernakulam Town;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Municipal Council was consulted in the matter and will they be pleased to place a copy of the plan prepared for the scheme on the table;

(c) if the answer is in the negative, will they be pleased to explain the details of the improvements for which the amount has been included in the budget?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of answer to subdivision (a).

(c) The proposed improvements are of the nature of grading the canal giving it a bottom width of 10' and a side slope of 1½:1 and involve the reconstruction of the 6' culvert on the Chittur road and the construction of two new foot-bridges at places where the municipal lanes cross the canal.

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